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Illegal dumping is a significant problem in many communities throughout Los Angeles County. Illegal dumping activities pose a danger to public health and safety, decreases property values, lowers the quality of life, and contributes to urban blight. Illegally dumped materials create a nesting area for rodents, insects, and other vermin while impacting the proper drainage of runoff, polluting local beaches, and making areas more susceptible to flooding when draining basis become clogged. Illegal dumping activities also place an undue burden on the County, which spends hundreds of thousands of dollars every year in clean-up, public education, and enforcement costs.

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The City of Los Angeles adopted an ordinance to seize and forfeit vehicles used in the act of illegal dumping. While the County has made tremendous progress to reduce illegal dumping, I believe a similar ordinance for the County unincorporated areas would be a valuable tool for law enforcement personnel to have when dealing with the problem of illegal dumping, especially in the Antelope Valley area where the problem has been pervasive.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the District Attorney to:

1. Work with County Counsel, Sheriff's Department, and the Departments of Health Services and Public Works to investigate the feasibility and legal ramifications of the County adopting an ordinance similar to the City of Los Angeles' Ordinance Number 175575 which authorizes the City to seize and forfeit vehicles that are used in illegal dumping activities; and
2. Report back to the Board within 30 days with a recommendation on the adoption of a similar ordinance by the County to combat illegal dumping in the County unincorporated areas, including the Antelope Valley.

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